
**Division of Occupational
Safety and Health**

Requirements for:

Permits

Registrations

Certifications

and

Notifications



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Permits

Construction Activities

—*When needed*—

A construction activity permit is required for:

- Construction of trenches or excavations which are five feet or deeper and into which a person is required to descend.
- Construction of any building, structure, scaffolding or falsework more than three stories high or the equivalent height (36 feet).
- Demolition of any building or structure, or dismantling of scaffolding or falsework more than three stories high or the equivalent height (36 feet).
- Erection or dismantling of vertical shoring systems more than three stories high, or the equivalent height (36 feet).

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4.](#)

—*What's needed*—

- Schedule a safety permit conference appointment with the nearest [Cal/OSHA district office](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).
- The safety permit conference shall be attended by the permit applicant, who must be knowledgeable about and in a position of authority and responsibility with respect to the permitted activity.
- The potential safety and health risk of the activity shall be discussed, and the contractor shall identify specific measures to be taken to minimize these risks to employees.
- Details of the activity shall be reviewed along with Title 8 Safety Orders applicable to the activity in which the permit applicant will engage.
- The permit applicant shall provide enough detail about the construction activity to allow the district office to make a reliable determination that the activity will proceed safely.
- To make this determination, the applicant shall provide the following for evaluation and review:
 - Applicant's completed [Permit Application Form](#)
 - Applicant's completed [Activity Notification Form](#) or [Activity Notification Form for Holders of Annual Permits](#)
 - Copy of the permit applicant's IIP Program
 - Copy of the permit applicant's Code of Safe Practices

—*Fees*—

Annual fee \$100.00. Annual permits may be issued to a single contractor covering a calendar year, or part thereof, for the following work activities even if the work is performed at different locations in the state:

- Erection or dismantling of scaffolding, falsework or vertical shoring systems.
- Construction of trenches or excavations.

Activity fee \$50.00. An activity permit may be issued to a single contractor for any one or a combination of the following activities:

- Construction of trenches or excavations which are five feet or deeper and into which a person is required to descend.
- Construction of any building, structure, scaffolding or falsework more than three stories high or the equivalent height (36 feet).

NOTE: Contractors who perform their work by using scaffolding constructed by another contractor are not required to obtain an activity permit for the construction of scaffolding. However, if their work involves the construction of a building or structure, they are required to obtain an activity permit for this construction.

- Demolition of any building or structure, or dismantling of scaffolding or falsework more than three stories high or the equivalent height (36 feet).

Tower Cranes

—*When needed*—

Permits are required for fixed and mobile tower cranes.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4.](#)

—*What's needed*—

Contact the nearest [Cal/OSHA district office \(see Directory of Offices\)](#) for filing the application and scheduling an inspection.

—*Fees*—

- Erection of Tower: \$350.00
- Operation: \$200.00
- Inspection: \$75.00/hour per person

Helicopter Operations

—*When needed*—

A permit is required for helicopter operations in the construction of a building or structure.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4.](#)

—*What's needed*—

- Contact the nearest [Cal/OSHA district office \(see Directory of Offices\)](#).
- Proof that the contractor helicopter operator possesses a valid FAA pilot's license—including proof of current medical fitness-for-duty—authorizing the anticipated operation of the helicopter, which includes handling external loads. The applicant must also provide all FAA certifications for the anticipated helicopter use—including, if applicable, helicopter certification for the subject lifting activities and hot refueling.

- Copy of the permit applicant's IIP Program.
- Copy of the permit applicant's Code of Safe Practices.
- A written activity plan.

—**Fees**—

Permit fee \$50.00.

Tunneling or Underground Mining

—**When needed**—

A permit is required for underground use of diesel engines in mines and tunnels.

—**Applicable standards**—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3.2, Subchapter 2 and Chapter 4, Subchapters 17 and 20.](#)

—**What's needed**—

- DOSH Mining and Tunneling Unit is responsible for issuing permits.
- Schedule a safety permit conference appointment with the nearest [mining and tunneling district office \(see Directory of Offices\)](#).
- The safety permit conference shall be attended by the permit applicant, who must be knowledgeable about and in a position of authority and responsibility with respect to the permitted activity.
- The potential safety and health risk of the activity shall be discussed, and the contractor shall identify specific measures to be taken to minimize these risks to employees.
- On the application details shall be listed of each piece of diesel equipment underground, including make, model and brake horsepower, and make, model, type and size of exhaust treatment device, and the following:
 - Location of project.
 - Length, cross-section and layout of the underground haulage-ways.
 - Maximum number and brake horsepower of diesels to be operated in any aircourse.
 - Ventilation plans including direction of airflow, fan capacity, duct sizes, auxiliary ventilation.
 - Date when proposed diesel use is to begin and dates and location where a DOSH representative may make tests of the diesel's exhaust gases.
- The permit applicant shall provide enough detail about the operation to allow the district office to make a reliable determination that the activity will proceed safely. To make this determination, the applicant shall provide the following for evaluation:
 - Applicant's completed [Permit Application Form](#)
 - Copy of the permit applicant's ventilation plan
 - Copy of the permit applicant's IIP Program
 - Copy of the permit applicant's Code of Safe Practices
- Contact the nearest mining and tunneling office.

—**Fees**—

Permit application fee \$50.00.

Pressure Vessels

—*When needed*—

Permits are required for air tanks, LPG propane storage tanks over 125 gallons, and high pressure boilers over 15 psig steam. Permit exceptions depend on vessel capacity and operating pressures.

—*Applicable standards*—

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, [Subchapter 1](#) and [Subchapter 2](#).

—*What's needed*—

- DOSH Pressure Vessel Unit is responsible for issuing these permits. Permit inspections may be done by certified insurance inspectors or the DOSH unit.
- Schedule an inspection with the nearest [pressure vessel office](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).
- An inspector from the DOSH unit will perform on-site inspection, follow-up and renewals.

—*Fees*—

Variable inspection/permit.

Elevators

—*When needed*—

- New installation and operation of passenger/freight elevators, sidewalk elevators, dumbwaiters, incline elevators, escalators, moving walks, manlifts, inclined reciprocating conveyors, special access elevators and lifts, material lifts and dumbwaiters with automatic transfer devices, hand powered man platforms, screw column elevators, and annual renewals.
- Annual certification renewal.

—*Applicable standards*—

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, [Subchapter 6](#).

—*What's needed*—

- DOSH Elevator, Ride and Tramway Unit is responsible for issuing permits.
- Schedule an inspection with the nearest [elevator office](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).

—*Fees*—

Variable depending on type of elevator.

Portable Amusement Rides and Bungee Jumping

—*When needed*—

A permit is required for the operation of all amusement rides including bungee jumping.

—*Applicable standards*—

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Article 35, Sections 3900 to 3920.
[California Labor Code Sections 7901 to 7906.](#)

—*What's needed*—

- DOSH Elevator, Ride and Tramway Unit is responsible for issuing permits.
- Schedule an inspection with the nearest [amusement ride office \(see Directory of Offices\)](#).
- Inspections once per year.

—*Fees*—

Variable inspection/permit.

Aerial Passenger Tramway

—*When needed*—

A permit is required for the operation of all passenger tramways.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter 6.1.](#)

—*What's needed*—

- DOSH Elevator, Ride and Tramway Unit is responsible for issuing permits.
- Schedule an inspection with the [tramway office \(see Directory of Offices\)](#).
- Inspections twice annually, summer and winter.

—*Fees*—

Variable inspection/permit.

Registration

Asbestos Abatement Contractors

—*When needed*—

Any employer or contractor engaging in asbestos-related work by disturbing more than 100 square feet of asbestos-containing construction material (greater than 0.1 percent asbestos by weight) during the course of work at a single worksite must be registered.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3.2, Subchapter 2, Article 2.5.](#)

—*What's needed*—

- Registration with the [Asbestos Contractors Registration/Occupational Carcinogen Control Unit](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).
- Registration is required annually.

—*Fees*—

- Initial: \$350.00
- Renewal: \$150.00

Carcinogen Users

—*When needed*—

Any employer using a [regulated carcinogen](#) either in a regulated area (usually triggered by air monitoring) or, if the specific standard does not require such an area, concentration greater than or equal to 0.1 percent by weight or volume must file a report of use.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, Article 110.](#)

—*What's needed*—

Registration with the [Asbestos Contractors Registration/Occupational Carcinogen Control Unit](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).

—*Fees*—

None.

Certification

Cranes

—*When needed*—

Certification is required for operating cranes with rated capacity of over three tons.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, Article 99, Section 5021.](#)

—*What's needed*—

- Contact a certified crane certifier.
- A [list of crane certifiers](#) is available from the [DOSH Crane Unit](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).

—*Fees*—

Varies with certifiers.

Mining and Tunneling

—*When needed*—

All underground mining and tunneling operations require certification of safety representatives and/or gas testers.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter 17, Article 4 and Subchapter 20, Article 3.](#)

—*What's needed*—

Application for certification must be made with the [Mining and Tunneling Unit](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).

—*Fees*—

\$15.00 per examination.

Licensing

—*When needed*—

Any time an employer is planning the use of explosives in the workplace, a blasting license is required. This may include mining, tunneling, construction, well servicing, seismic exploration, structural demolition, and special uses within general industry.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 3.2, Article 7, Section 344.20.](#)
[California Labor Code Section 6710\(a\).](#)

—*What's needed*—

- Two years of hands-on experience.
- Application and appointment for examination from any [mining and tunneling office](#)
- ([see Directory of Offices](#)).

—*Fees*—

\$15.00 per examination.

Asbestos Consultants and Technicians

—When needed—

Any person who contracts to provide consulting activities relating to asbestos-containing construction material greater than 100 square feet must be certified.

—Applicable standards—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3.2, Subchapter 2, Article 2.6.](#)

—What's needed—

Certification is by the [Asbestos Consultant and Trainer Approval Unit](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).

—Fees—

	<u>Application and exam</u>	<u>Annual renewal</u>
• Consultant:	\$500.00	\$325.00
• Site surveillance technician:	\$400.00	\$270.00

Permanent Amusement Rides **Qualified Safety Inspector (QSI)**

—When needed—

No person shall perform the services of a **QSI** for [permanent amusement rides](#) unless he/she holds a current, valid QSI certificate issued by DOSH.

—Applicable standards—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3.2, Subchapter 2.](#)

—What's needed—

- Complete an application for a qualification appraisal for consideration as a qualified safety inspector.
- Pass a written examination with a score no lower than 80 percent.
- Provide valid certification showing completion of an 80-hour QSI training program.

—Fees—

Application for QSI certificate:	\$500.00
Biennial renewal of QSI certificate:	\$125.00

Loss Control

—When needed—

In order to do business in California, workers' compensation insurance carriers must be certified to provide loss control services without additional cost to employers, for the purpose of lowering the frequency of workplace injuries and illnesses.

—Applicable standards—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3.2, Article 6, Section 339.1-339.11.](#)

—What's needed—

- Certification of workers' compensation insurance carriers is by the [Loss Control Certification Unit](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).
- The workers' compensation insurance carrier submits to DOSH an annual loss control plan that identifies policyholders with the greatest workers' compensation losses and most preventable safety and health hazards.

—Fees—

Workers' compensation insurance carriers pay the Loss Control Certification Unit a small percentage of their annual Direct Written Premium.

Notification

Asbestos Abatement

—When needed—

The employer or contractor must send notification 24 hours prior to each asbestos job, regardless of the amount of asbestos-containing material that is going to be disturbed.

—Applicable standards—

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, [Chapter 3.2, Subchapter 2, Article 2.5](#) and [Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, Article 110](#).

—What's needed—

The written notification shall be made to the nearest [Cal/OSHA district office](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)) 24 hours prior to initiating an asbestos abatement job. For asbestos-related work, verbal notification is allowed for immediate abatement prior to the start of work, but must be followed by written confirmation within 24 hours.

Lead Work Pre-job Notification

—When needed—

The employer or contractor must send [notification](#) prior to the start of the job unless: the lead content of the material disturbed is less than 0.5 percent, 5,000 parts per million (weight by weight) or 1.0 mg./cm²; the amount of lead-containing material is less than 100 square feet or 100 linear feet; or the only task is torch cutting or welding for no longer than one hour per shift.

—Applicable standards—

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, [Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, Article 4, Section 1532.1\(p\)](#).

—What's needed—

The [written notification](#) must be sent in a manner to reach the nearest [Cal/OSHA district office](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)) at least 24 hours prior to the start of lead work. Urgent and unforeseen work may be reported by phone at the start of the job, but must be followed by [written confirmation](#) within 24 hours of the call. There is an [annual notification](#) option for employers conducting ongoing lead-related operations and maintenance work on stationary steel structures.

Annual Permit Holder

—When needed—

Prior to beginning the construction activity, each annual permit holder shall complete the [Activity Notification Form for Holders of Annual Permits](#) and shall transmit this form by mail or fax to the [Cal/OSHA district office](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)) near which the activity is to be performed.

Serious or Fatal Accident

—*When needed*—

Employers must report work-related or suspected work-related fatalities, catastrophes, and serious injuries or illnesses immediately by phone or fax to the nearest [Cal/OSHA district office](#) (see [Directory of Offices](#)).

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3.2, Subchapter 2, Article 3, Section 342.](#)

—*What's needed*—

The information shall be provided to the [Cal/OSHA district office](#) within 8 hours and shall consist of the name of the person injured and the employer, nature and location of the accident, time and date of the accident and the person reporting the accident, where the injured was taken for treatment, other agencies that responded to the accident, and a description of the events of the accident.

Mine Notification

—*When needed*—

The owner, operator or person in charge of any mine shall notify the [DOSH Mining and Tunneling Unit](#) before commencement of operations, stating the approximate starting date.

—*Applicable standards*—

[California Labor Code Section 7955.](#)

—*What's needed*—

Contact the [mining and tunneling office](#) nearest the mine (see [Directory of Offices](#)) and provide the location and type of mine, contact information and estimated starting date.

Underground Mine and Tunnel Notifications

—*When needed*—

- Underground mines: notify the [DOSH Mining and Tunneling Unit](#) immediately in instances of fire, hoisting mishaps, sudden inflows of dangerous gases or water, and ground instability—whether or not persons are injured.
- Tunnels: fire that may cause serious injury to employees must be reported to DOSH within 24 hours.

—*Applicable standards*—

[Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 17, Article 3, Section 6960 and Subchapter 20, Article 14, Section 8445.](#)

—*What's needed*—

Contact the [mining and tunneling office](#) nearest the site (see [Directory of Offices](#)) to provide information about the event.

Directory of Offices

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) enforces safety and health standards and regulations in California workplaces. Any of these offices may be contacted to file a complaint and to report suspected unsafe or unhealthful working conditions. If you cannot contact an office through the listing given here, check your telephone directory for the current address and phone number under: California, State of, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health or Cal/OSHA Consultation Service—or check the Internet listing at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh>.

Division of Occupational Safety & Health

Headquarters: 455 Golden Gate Ave.—10th Floor, San Francisco CA 94102 — (415) 703-5100

Regional Offices:

Anaheim	2100 East Katella Ave.—Suite 125, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 939-8611
Sacramento	2424 Arden Way—Suite 125, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 263-2803
Santa Rosa	1221 Farmers Lane—Suite 300, Santa Rosa CA 95405	(707) 576-2419
West Covina	1906 West Garvey Ave. South—Suite 200, West Covina CA 91790	(626) 472-0046

Cal/OSHA District Offices

Anaheim	2100 East Katella Ave.—Suite 140, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 939-0145
Concord	1465 Enea Circle—Bldg. E, Suite 900, Concord CA 94520	(925) 602-6517
Foster City	1065 East Hillsdale Blvd.—Suite 110, Foster City CA 94404	(650) 573-3812
Fresno	2550 Mariposa St.—Room 4000, Fresno CA 93721	(559) 445-5302
Los Angeles	320 West 4th St.—Room 850, Los Angeles CA 90013	(213) 576-7451
Modesto	1209 Woodrow—Suite C-4, Modesto CA 95350	(209) 576-6260
Oakland	1515 Clay St.—Suite 1301, Oakland CA 94612	(510) 622-2916
Pico Rivera	9459 East Slauson Ave., Pico Rivera CA 90660	(562) 949-7827
Sacramento	2424 Arden Way—Suite 165, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 263-2800
San Bernardino	464 West Fourth St.—Suite 332, San Bernardino CA 92401	(909) 383-4321
San Diego	7575 Metropolitan Dr.—Suite 207, San Diego CA 92108	(619) 767-2280
San Francisco	455 Golden Gate Ave.—Room 1524, San Francisco CA 94102	(415) 703-5210
San Jose	2010 North First St.—Suite 401, San Jose CA 95131	(408) 452-7288
Santa Rosa	1221 Farmers Lane—Suite 300, Santa Rosa CA 95405	(707) 576-2388
Torrance	680 Knox St.—Suite 100, Torrance CA 90502	(310) 516-3734
Van Nuys	6150 Van Nuys Blvd.—Suite 405, Van Nuys CA 91401	(818) 901-5403
Ventura	1655 Mesa Verde Ave.—Room 150, Ventura CA 93003	(805) 654-4581
West Covina	1906 West Garvey Ave. South—Suite 200, West Covina CA 91790	(626) 472-0046

Cal/OSHA Consultation Service

Headquarters: 2424 Arden Way—Suite 485, Sacramento CA 95825 — (916) 263-5765

Regional Office: 2424 Arden Way—Suite 485, Sacramento CA 95825 — (916) 263-5750

On-site Assistance Offices:

•Fresno/Central Valley	1901 North Gateway Blvd.—Suite 102, Fresno CA 93727	(559) 454-1295
•Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area	1515 Clay St.—Suite 1103, Oakland CA 94612	(510) 622-2891
•Sacramento/Northern CA	2424 Arden Way—Suite 410, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 263-0704
•San Bernardino-Inland Empire	464 West 4th St.—Suite 339, San Bernardino CA 92401	(909) 383-4567
•San Diego/Imperial Valley	7575 Metropolitan Dr.—Suite 204, San Diego CA 92108	(619) 767-2060
•San Fernando Valley/ Santa Barbara/NW L.A. Co.	6150 Van Nuys Blvd.—Suite 307, Van Nuys CA 91401	(818) 901-5754
•Santa Fe Springs/Los Angeles Metro Area & Orange County	10350 Heritage Park Dr.—Suite 201, Santa Fe Springs CA 90670	(562) 944-9366

Other Consultation Service Units: Cal/Voluntary Protection Program
Education Unit

(415) 703-5272
(916) 574-2528

Division of Occupational Safety & Health Units

Mining & Tunneling

Headquarters	1367 East Lassen Ave.–Suite B-4, Chico CA 95973	(530) 895-6938
Chico/mine safety training	1367 East Lassen Ave.–Suite B-4, Chico CA 95973	(530) 895-6938
Sacramento	2211 Park Towne Circle–Suite 2, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 574-2540
San Bernardino	242 East Airport Dr.–Suite 105, San Bernardino CA 92408	(909) 383-6782
Van Nuys	6150 Van Nuys Blvd.–Room 310, Van Nuys CA 91401	(818) 901-5420

Pressure Vessel

Headquarters	1515 Clay St.–Suite 1302, Oakland CA 94612	(510) 622-3052
Anaheim	2100 East Katella Ave.–Suite 145, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 939-0434
Oakland	1515 Clay St.–Suite 1302, Oakland CA 94612	(510) 622-3066

Elevator, Ride & Tramway

Headquarters	2424 Arden Way–Suite 300, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 263-7995
Elevator		
Anaheim	2100 East Katella Ave.–Suite 250, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 939-7741
Glendale	710 South Central Ave.–Suite 300, Glendale CA 91204	(818) 551-2999
Oakland	1515 Clay St.–Suite 1306, Oakland CA 94612	(510) 622-3026
Sacramento	2424 Arden Way–Suite 360, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 263-2830
San Bernardino	464 West 4th St.–Suite 325, San Bernardino CA 92401	(909) 889-6395
San Diego	7575 Metropolitan Dr.–Suite 203, San Diego CA 92108	(619) 767-2050
San Francisco/North Bay	455 Golden Gate Ave.–10th Floor, San Francisco CA 94102	(415) 703-5250
San Mateo/Peninsula	3 Waters Park Dr.–Room 230, San Mateo CA 94403	(650) 294-0100
Amusement Ride		
Anaheim	2100 East Katella Ave.–Suite 280, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 456-1872
Sacramento	2424 Arden Way–Suite 340, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 263-3511
Permanent Amusement Ride Certification		
	2424 Arden Way–Suite 340, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 274-5709
Tramway	2424 Arden Way–Suite 300, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 263-7995

Asbestos Contractors Registration/Occupational Carcinogen Control

455 Golden Gate Ave.–10th Floor, San Francisco CA 94102	(415) 703-5191
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Asbestos Consultant & Trainer Approval

2211 Park Towne Circle–Suite 1, Sacramento CA 95825	(916) 574-2993
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Crane Certifier Accreditation

2100 East Katella Ave.–Suite 100, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 939-8478
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Loss Control Certification

1515 Clay St.–Suite 301, Oakland CA 94612	(510) 622-3276
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High Hazard Compliance

Regional office	2100 East Katella Ave.–Suite 205, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 935-2726
Northern California	1515 Clay St.–Suite 1303, MS#40, Oakland CA 94612	(510) 622-3009
Southern California	2100 East Katella Ave.–Suite 110, Anaheim CA 92806	(714) 935-2720